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Chief Justice Seeks Written Comments on Judicial Nominees

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon announced today that he is seeking public comment on judicial nominees for a vacancy at the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i, and a vacancy at the District Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. The names submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission for each of the vacancies are listed below:

For the vacancy at the District Court that occurred upon the elevation of
the Honorable Marcia Waldorf to the circuit court on June 18, 2002

Bert I. Ayabe
Armina Ann Ching
John P. Gillmor
Sherri L. Chun Iha
Faye M. Koyanagi
Peter T. Stone

For the vacancy at the District Family Court that occurred upon the resignation
of the Honorable John Bryant, Jr. on September 30, 2002

Michael F. Broderick
Nancy Ryan Harada
Ronette M. Kawakami
Christine E. Kuriyama
Robert LeClair
Shawna J. Sodersten

Anyone who would like to comment about the character and qualifications of any of the nominees before the Chief Justice makes his selection should mail, fax, or deliver their written comments to:

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon
Supreme Court of Hawai'i
417 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
Fax: (808) 539-4703

WRITTEN comments must be post-marked, faxed, or delivered **no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003**. Comments may be delivered to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office at 417 S. King Street (the building directly behind the Kamehameha statue, first floor). ALL COMMENTS WILL BE

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The individual selected by the Chief Justice for each vacancy is subject to Senate confirmation.

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